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REF: A. JAKARTA 6537

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1. IT IS CLEAR, FROM REFERENCE CABLES, THAT GVN, INDONESIA, AND CANADA ALL REGARD MALAYSIA AS THE PREFERRED REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA WHEN LATTER LEAVES ICCS AT END OF JULY. REF B INDICATES THAT GOM HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ASSUMING SUCH ROLE, BUT HAS INDICATED THAT " DOOR WAS NOT SHUT".

2. AFTER CONSIDERING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, AND, PARTICULARLY AFTER NOTING THAT GVN FOREIGN MINISTER LAM HAS ASKED US TO CONSULT ON PROSPECT OF APPROACHING MALAYSIA, WE WISH OBTAIN YOUR BEST ASSESSMENT OF MALAYSIA'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE IF JOINTLY APPROACHED BY US AND GVN. WE

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ALSO WISH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF MALAYSIAN CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT THIS ROLE AND TO OBTAIN YOUR VIEWS ON THE STRAIN WHICH THIS ROLE WOULD PLACE ON MALAYSIAN RESOURCES.

3. IN OUR VIEW, MALAYSIA WOULD FULFILL SEVERAL IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS OF ICCS MEMBERSHIP, AND WOULD HAVE THE GREAT VALUE OF JOINING TOGETHER WITH INDONESIA AS A COUNTRY

WHICH WILL MAINTAIN A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF EVENTS IN VIET- NAM. MOREOVER, GIVEN BRITISH TRAINING, COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH, AND BACKGROUND IN GUERRILLA WARFARE, MALAYSIAN MILITARY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLIP INTO CANADIAN SHOES WITH MINIMUM DISTURBANCE.

4. PLEASE GIVE STUDIED REPLY FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE L8 WASHINGTON TIME. MATTER SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GOM. PORTER

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